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Re: Year 11 Mock Examinations December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

We are conducting mock exams this half term to help students prepare for their GCSE exams next summer. These exams will also show us where your child needs help, so we can give him/her more targeted support. The aim is for your child to achieve the best possible grade in the actual exams, and mock examinations have proved an excellent method to help students identify areas of strength and development.

We understand that some of our students find exams worrying. We can offer a variety of support for students who are experiencing concerns about examinations. I would encourage any student who is feeling apprehensive to talk to their Form Tutor about their concerns, and we will see what we can do to help.

We will be running the mock exams between 4th and 18th December. During this time, students will attend normal lessons when not in a mock examination. Students will receive an individualised mock timetable by email shortly, which should detail all their mock examinations. If they believe anything is missing from their timetable, they should contact Mrs Beaumont in the Examinations Office.

Revision

Students will be provided with a revision list by subject teachers to help them target their revision. There are many methods to revise, but could I take this opportunity to remind you of GCSEpod. We subscribe to this service which provides a series of exam board specific podcasts and revision tests for most subjects. Students have a login for the website and using it has consistently improved outcomes for those students who use it regularly. If you wish to see what GCSEpod has to offer, there is an introduction for parents here:

<https://www.gcsepod.com/parent-resources/>

You could also ask your son/daughter to show you around the site - it really is an excellent resource.

I wish all our students the best of luck in their mock examinations and the final push towards the GCSE results next summer. With a concerted effort from our young people and the teaching team, all our students can reach their potential.

Yours sincerely

William Wood
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